

Processed Chicken: National Mechanically Separated Chicken (Fri.) Agricultural Marketing Service

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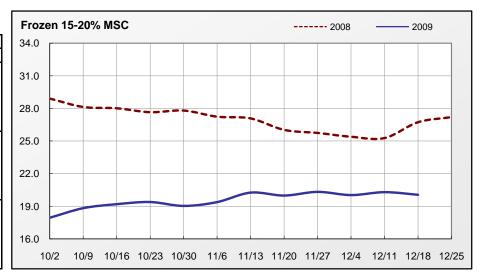
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(F.O.B. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The trade sentiment on all fat contents continues mostly steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% ranged adequate to fully adequate with the balance of fat contents at least adequate. Supplies of raw materials were adequate to available. Contract negotiations are generally done for 2010 with pricing between that of normal years and recent highs of 2009. Industry's attitude towards 2010 contracts seems to be slightly more conservative regarding the spot marketplace with more packers opting to contract a larger percentage of their production versus 2009. Export and domestic demand was seasonally fair. Schedules were generally normal with many prepping for reduced holiday schedules the next couple weeks. Frame values were steady ranging 6-9 cents FOB, mostly 7-8 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh			
Fat Content	18-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year	18-Dec-09	Last Week	Last Year	
15% or Less							
Price Range			-	18.00 - 19.00	18.00 - 19.00	25.00-26.00	
Wtd Avg Price			-	18.50	18.75	25.48	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	324	412	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	110	
15-20%							
Price Range	17.00 - 23.00	17.00 - 23.00	24.00-32.50	16.00 - 21.50	14.00 - 21.50	19.00-28.00	
Wtd Avg Price	20.05	20.30	26.73	17.83	18.09	20.92	
Volume Traded	1,488	2,000	1,465	3,582	3,719	3,530	
Volume Exported	1,408	1,718	1,225	979	612	756	
20% or More							
Price Range	-	-	-	16.00	16.00	-	
Wtd Avg Price			-	16.00	16.50	-	
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	163	-	
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-	



Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008	Nov 2009	Oct 2009	Nov 2008
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	20.00	24.00	18.41	18.69	24.28
Volume Traded	-	80	322	1,502	1,292	1,443
Volume Exported	-	-	160	-	-	220
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	19.97	18.85	26.34	17.60	16.94	19.96
Volume Traded	5,805	7,276	5,394	12,716	13,396	11,870
Volume Exported	5,205	6,435	4,961	1,754	2,733	1,921
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	16.67	17.00	21.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	367	328	366
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.

